



## Interpret and analyse language choices, features and patterns in short stories

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Literature  
Examining literature

Interpret and analyse language choices, including sentence patterns, dialogue, imagery and other language features, in short stories, literary essays and plays (VCELT409)

### Zombie



I ran into a zombie the other day. **At least**, I think it was a zombie.

I shook my head, I looked again.

In the reflection, the zombie looked back. **My** hair, but greasy; my eyes, but glassy; my face, but gross.

I closed my laptop and grabbed my **jacket**.

I gotta get out more.

#### Comprehension

1. Tick to show who the zombie is.

- the narrator's mother
- the narrator's reflection
- a metaphor for sad memories
- a ghost that arises from the narrator's imagination

2. Tick the action that is happening in the line: **I shook my head, I looked again.**

- The narrator is having a nightmare.
- The narrator is pretending to be a zombie.
- The narrator is looking at photos of themself.
- The narrator is checking what they thought they saw.

## Text Structures

3. Tick the function of the first line of the story.

- sparks intrigue
- establishes the setting
- introduces the narrator
- introduces the main character



4. Tick the narrative hook used to start the plot.

- a curious event
- an interesting fact
- a well-known fact
- a detailed description

## Language Features

5. Tick **two** features used in the line: **My hair, but greasy; my eyes, but glassy; my face, but gross.**

- rhyme
- rule of three
- visual imagery
- personification

6. Tick two words that describe the tone used in the line: **I ran into a zombie the other day. At least, I think it was a zombie.**

- casual
- formal
- relaxed
- ceremonial

## Language Conventions

7. Tick the effect of using the irregular spelling of the word: **gotta**.

- adds suspense
- gives personality
- completes the plot
- adds exclamation to the phrase



8. Tick the grammatical explanation for the sentence: **My hair, but greasy; my eyes, but glassy; my semblance, but gross.**

- irregular word order
- irregular punctuation
- sentence fragment, no verb
- sentence fragment, no noun